

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A computer implemented method for managing member enrollment in a collaborative computing community, the method comprising:

identifying one or more end user persons for enrollment in the collaborative computing community;

implementing an enrollment model, executing in memory by a processor of a collaborative computing server, to determine whether to enroll the one or more identified end user persons as members in the community; and

updating community membership in an electronic storage medium of the collaborative computing server to enroll the one or more end user persons based on the implemented enrollment model.
2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the implementing an enrollment model includes designating one or more community members as administrators with the authority to grant enrollment to the one or more end user persons.
3. (Original) The method of claim 2, further including providing the one or more community members with the ability to remove a community member from the community.
4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the implementing an enrollment model to determine whether to enroll the one or more identified end user persons as members in the community includes:

identifying one or more criteria for defining a role in the collaborative computing community;

obtaining role profiles for each of the end user persons; and

determining if one or more role profiles match the one or more criteria.

5. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein the one or more criteria for defining a role in the collaborative computing community includes payment of a predetermined fee.

6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the implementing an enrollment model includes providing one or more of the end user persons with the ability to grant enrollment to themselves.

7. (Original) The method of claim 6 further including providing the one or more end user persons with the ability to remove themselves from the community.

8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein the implementing an enrollment model includes designating one or more community members as a sponsor member having privileges, the sponsor member granted a further privilege of sponsoring one or more of the end user persons for community membership as a sponsored member, wherein the sponsored member is granted enrollment in the community with privileges equal or less than the privileges of the sponsor member.

9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8, wherein the sponsored member is enrolled as a community member if voted into the community.

10. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the sponsored member is enrolled as a community member after the passage of a predetermined amount of time.

Claims 11-30 were canceled.

31. (Currently Amended) An electronic computer readable storage medium storing a computer program which when executed defines a method for managing member enrollment in a collaborative computing community, the computer program performing a method comprising:

identifying one or more end user persons for enrollment in the collaborative computing community;

implementing an enrollment model, executing in memory by a processor of a collaborative computing server, to determine whether to enroll the one or more identified end user persons as members in the community; and

updating community membership to enroll the one or more end user persons based on the implemented enrollment model.

32. (Previously Presented) The computer readable storage medium of claim 31, wherein the implementing an enrollment model includes designating one or more community members as administrators with the authority to grant enrollment to the one or more end user persons.

33. (Previously Presented) The computer readable storage medium of claim 32, wherein the method performed by the stored computer program when executed further includes providing the one or more community members with the ability to remove a community member from the community.

34. (Previously Presented) The computer readable storage medium of claim 31, wherein the implementing an enrollment model to determine whether to enroll the one or more identified end user persons as members in the community includes:

identifying one or more criteria for defining a role in the collaborative computing community;

obtaining role profiles for each of the end user persons; and

determining if one or more role profiles match the one or more criteria.

35. (Previously Presented) The computer readable storage medium of claim 34, wherein the one or more criteria for defining a role in the collaborative computing community includes payment of a predetermined fee.

36. (Previously Presented) The computer readable storage medium of claim 31, wherein the implementing an enrollment model includes providing one or more of the end user persons with the ability to grant enrollment to themselves.

37. (Previously Presented) The computer readable storage medium of claim 36, wherein the method performed by the stored computer program when executed further includes providing the one or more end user persons with the ability to remove themselves from the community.

38. (Previously Presented) The computer readable storage medium of claim 32, wherein implementing an enrollment model includes designating one or more community members as a sponsor member having privileges, the sponsor member granted a further privilege of sponsoring one or more of the end user persons for community membership as a sponsored member, wherein the sponsored member is granted enrollment in the community with privileges equal or less than the privileges of the sponsor member.

39. (Previously Presented) The computer readable storage medium of claim 38, wherein the sponsored member is enrolled as a community member if voted into the community.

~~39~~ 40. (Currently Amended) The computer readable storage medium of claim 38, wherein the sponsored member is enrolled as a community member after the passage of a predetermined amount of time.

41. (Previously Presented) A system for managing member enrollment in a networked collaborative computing community, the system comprising:

a workstation; and

a collaborative computing server in data communication with the workstation via the network, the collaborative computing server being operative to:

identify one or more end user persons for enrollment in the collaborative computing community;

implement an enrollment model to determine whether to enroll the one or more identified end user persons as members in the community; and

update community membership to enroll the one or more end user persons based on the implemented enrollment model.

42. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 41, wherein implementing an enrollment model includes designating one or more community members as administrators with the authority to grant enrollment to the one or more end user persons.

43. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 42, wherein the collaborative computing server is further operative to provide the one or more community members with the ability to remove a community member from the community.

44. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 41, wherein the implementing an enrollment model to determine whether to enroll the one or more identified end user persons as members in the community includes:

identifying one or more criteria for defining a role in the collaborative computing community;

obtaining role profiles for each of the end user persons; and

determining if one or more role profiles match the one or more criteria

45. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 44, wherein the one or more criteria for defining a role in the collaborative computing community includes payment of a predetermined fee.

46. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 41, wherein the implementing an enrollment model includes providing one or more of the end user persons with the ability to grant enrollment to themselves.

47. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 46 wherein the collaborative computing server is further operative to provide the one or more end user persons with the ability to remove themselves from the community.

48. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 42, wherein the implementing an enrollment model includes designating one or more community members as a sponsor member having privileges, the sponsor member granted a further privilege of sponsoring one or more of the end user persons for community membership as a sponsored member, wherein the sponsored member is granted enrollment in the community with privileges equal or less than the privileges of the sponsor member.

49. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 48, wherein the sponsored member is enrolled as a community member if voted into the community.

50. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 48, wherein the sponsored member is enrolled as a community member after the passage of a predetermined amount of time.